

County Rejects Horse Arena Bids

by Ruth Hammond

Construction of the proposed new horse arena at the Glencoe Rural Events Center won't begin right away because all eight bids received by the county were more than \$116,000 higher than the amount of money available for the project. The bids received were also higher than the architect's estimate.

Lincoln County Commissioners met in a special meeting Monday morning at the sub office in Ruidoso to con-

sider the bids.

County manager Frank Potter told commissioners, "We have some very good bids." He went on to say the lowest bid of \$246,900.00 was \$116,900.00 over the amount available for construction. The county is to receive \$130,000.00 from the USDA for the construction.

Potter said the county has the right to negotiate with the lowest bidder if the price is not over 10 percent higher than the architect's estimate.

Potter said his main con-

cern was the contractor assured him the specs for construction were not a problem, the big problem was the way the county had grouped together the bid.

Potter said, "We met with the contractor and discussed how we could group the bids and put it out to bid again." He said to put the bid in lots.

Potter said the architect, Wayne G. Andrews of Albuquerque, worked that up, basically bid lots set up as deductive alternates.

Andrews mentioned there

was some issue about the sand. The bids received included costs of \$30,000.00 for the arena sand.

"But we can get it for \$12,000.00," Linda Wallace said. She is the Glencoe Rural Events manager.

County commissioner Bill Schwettmann asked where and wanted to know about the quality of the sand and if it would meet specs.

"Bonnell Sand and Gravel," Wallace said, and added that is where "we" got the specs for the sand.

County commissioners discussed the cost of piping for the rail fences, which were designed to be built with five pipes.

When Andrews said the fences could be built with three pipes, Wallace said, "Four pipes."

Commissioners discussed the quality of pipe that would be used for the fences, and if the specs called for new pipe or used pipe.

Commissioner Wilton Howell said he wanted the material for the construction

split off and mentioned the price after finding out about new pipe costing \$1.20. He also said he would like as many alternatives as can get.

Commissioner Rex Wilson

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ROUNDHOUSE RUMBLES

by Doris Cherry

It came to an end, just a little past 12 noon on Saturday. Unable to do any more business, the House recessed to wait out the final minutes. In the Senate, Bill Davis (R-Albuquerque) filibustered, stalling all last-minute action on several bills waiting on the calendar.

How much work could the senate have done any way, Governor Gary Johnson asked during his after-the-session press comment. Saturday afternoon. Plenty, said many veteran legislators.

The filibuster-ending to this 60-day session of the 43rd New Mexico Legislature was only the second in 20 years. The last time a filibuster ended the session was during Governor Toney Anaya's administration.

Several good bills, both Democrat and Republican sponsored, died on the senate side also. And as Rep. Dub Williams told the Lincoln County Republic Women Tuesday, "the Senate was always a mile and a half behind the House."

Some of those bills were Williams', including three major capital outlay projects, the Lincoln Historic District Designation, Sabbatical leave for teachers. Getting a list of those bills that died that Saturday morning may take a while, as there are only remnants of the legislative staff left at the Capitol Building.

When this reporter set about finding a name for this year's legislative column, there were several options. RoundHouse Roundup was clever, and appealing to the culture here. But that title was already used by the Albuquerque Tribune, which we can't buy here, but was available daily at the Capitol building. So this reporter took the suggestion from her husband to call it RoundHouse Rumbles. It was almost prophetic. The rumbles were many this year.

Perhaps history will record this as a dramatic session, which produced some of the most passionate and emotional debates of the decade, especially the six hour long debate on gambling in the House on Thursday, March 20, one of the longest in House history. Even though the gallery to the House was packed with tribal members and casino workers hoping to have their futures secured, and citizens who were against gambling because of numerous reasons, there was an unusual silence and seriousness that often escapes the House floor.

37 of 70 House representatives debated the gambling bill. It was Williams' HB 399, the Governor's Gaming Act as it was first "dubbed" that finally reached the governor's desk. But it was a far different creature that arrived on the fourth floor than first began its journey that day in January. The original HB 399 was only 87 pages long. By the time it got through its first committee, it had doubled. By the time it had gone through four committees of the House of Representatives it had taken more than 1,300 hours of work by Representatives and staff and was 151 pages long.

When the Gaming Act finally got to the floor, debate was diverse. From Dub's eloquent speeches to open and close the debate, to arguments that gaming will destroy the very nature of our society in New Mexico, and counter arguments from those such as Rep. Roger Madalena whose Indian Gaming act was incorporated into HB 399, that gaming is the only tool for tribal economic survival.

Everyone was present that day in the House. Several amendments were tried on the floor, all but one that will limit the hours of video slot gambling at the state fair horse race track were defeated. Finally, Dub closed debate, saying gambling was a personal choice, one which required personal responsibility. He related society's problems to many sources, the biggest of which was television. Then after he closed the debate by calling for motion to pass the act, Speaker Raymond Sanchez reminded all members to vote their conscious and their hearts. For 60 seconds mem-

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STATE LEGISLATIVE ISSUES THAT AFFECT LINCOLN COUNTY WERE DISCUSSED in the New Mexico House of Representatives in Santa Fe by Ruidoso attorney John Underwood (left) and State Rep. Dub Williams. Many of the Lincoln County bills died in committee and did not make it to both houses of the legislature when the session ended Saturday at noon.

LCSWA Problems Bring End To Study

by Ruth Hammond

The possibility that the Village of Ruidoso might separate from the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA) might put LCSWA grant applications in jeopardy and has caused the LCSWA study to end after Phase 1.

Dr. Jim Miller of the Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso and Eugene Simmons, director of the Small Business Development Center ENMU-Roswell, had completed Phase 1 of the LCSWA study some time ago and sent a letter that they will not proceed with Phase 2 and Phase 3 of the study. Phase 2 was to have been completed by April 15 and Phase 3 was scheduled to be completed by June 1.

The letter was discussed at the LCSWA board meeting March 18.

Miller and Simmons stated in the letter that there are serious problems within the authority and serious consideration should be given to implementing major changes in the organization.

The letter stated that there are discussions about entities separating from LCSWA and managing their own waste and that the timing is not good for entity separation. Government loans and grants are usually given higher priority if they are joint-venture projects in which community partnerships are formed that will offer a wide range of benefits.

If Ruidoso departs from

LCSWA it would remove as much as 65 percent of the revenues and that could affect LCSWA's chances of getting a grant.

"Further, Ruidoso citizens are beginning to suggest that it is the responsibility of the consultants for the lack of progress since the Phase 1 study," the letter states and adds, "Due to these two developments, we have determined that it would not be in the best interests of our respective institutions for us to continue our involvement in the authority study at this time."

The LCSWA board voted unanimously to apologize to Miller and Simmons and ask them to continue with Phase 2 of the operation study and phase 3 which is the five year plan for the authority.

In other business the LCSWA board elected new officers. Frank Cummins has stepped down as chairman but will remain on the board.

Ruidoso Downs Mayor Joe Hayhurst was elected chairman, vice chairman will be Monroy Montes, secretary is Dr. Bernie Reimann, and

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Gangs Not Welcome In Lincoln County

by Barbara Culler

With gang related crimes on the increase in Lincoln County, the need to prevent, investigate, and prosecute unlawful gang and drug-related gang activities was expressed to the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners at their March 11 meeting in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

Ruidoso has put a Gang Intervention Unit in place and will be submitting a grant request for \$50,000.00 to the State of New Mexico Drug Control and System Improvement. The money will be used for the gang prevention unit in Ruidoso and Lincoln County. This grant will be used for needed equipment, education, and overtime resources.

Lincoln County Sheriff Tom Sullivan and Ruidoso Chief of Police Lanny Maddox asked the commissioners to approve a Joint Powers Agreement which would allow the Lincoln County Sheriff Department (LCSW) to provide one deputy to join the Ruidoso Gang Intervention Unit.

Maddox told the Commissioners that even though Ruidoso's juvenile crime can show a decrease there has been continuing growth of juvenile crime in Lincoln County. He said that often drug crime is connected to gang related activity in some way and that juveniles in crime now become the adult

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FUEL TANKS AT THE OLD FINA STATION ON CENTRAL AVE. IN CARRIZOZO WERE DUG UP this week and will be removed from the area. EID regulations do not allow fuel tanks to remain in the ground unused for an indefinite period of time to help prevent leakage into the surrounding area.

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treasurer is Jerry Shaw. Ruidoso Village manager Gary Jackson and Ruidoso Councillor Robert Donaldson reported on the public hearing the village held March 10 about the solid waste. Reimann reported the Village of Capitan held a public hearing about solid waste March 10 and the majority of the people were satisfied with the solid waste service. The resolution for LCSWA

to be reimbursed from the proceeds of the loan agreement for capital expenditures for a computer hardware and for computer software was approved. A new computer was needed because the old computer "crashed" and LCSWA is asking for proposals, RFPs, for the software. LCSWA manager Jerry Wright reported on what he learned at the collection semi-

near held in Houston. Wright said the truck that goes to Carrizozo caught on fire a couple of weeks ago and LCSWA is using the standby truck. The fire was caused when an oil line broke and the oil sprayed on the electrical wires. Wright told THE NEWS that LCSWA usually moves 85 tons of trash a day. At this time it is slow and LCSWA is moving 65 to 70 tons a day from pickups all around the county. LCSWA hauls three to six transport loads out a day to the landfill from the transfer station. Fewer loads were hauled when the Capitan landfill was open. Wright said he is negotiating with Southwest Recyclers out of Socorro to take the tires that are at the Capitan landfill. The company charges eight cents a pound to come get the tires, which would be about \$1.80 for passenger tires and \$2.50 to \$3.00 for truck tires.

asked about the specs for the ends of the pipe. He was concerned about spending all the time for the pipes to be pretty. Commissioners also discussed if the proposed announcer's stand was fancy. Commissioners made the motion to have the county manager and Andrews get together on the re-bid documents. Andrews also said the bid specs could leave out eight to six backing pens. County commissioner L. Ray Nunley said the commissioners needed to do research. Commissioners talked about the expense of 50 gates on the pens. Nunley then said, "We don't know what our priorities are, backing pens, fighting, or something else and do Frank (Potter) and Wayne (Andrews) know what our priorities are?" Commissioners then rejected all the bids and the motion was again made to have the county manager re-bid the facility at Glencoe in lots.

Nunley asked what the time frame was, "Are we going out for re-bid tomorrow?" Potter said the minimum is ten days (advertising) in one newspaper. Nunley said he would like to give Potter and Andrews enough time and Howell said he would also like input from the commissioners. County Attorney Alan Morel told commissioners his concern was contractual obligations to rent the arena which has not been built. When commissioners asked Wallace if the person who has rented the arena for May 24 and 25 and several dates in July knew the arena was not built, Gerald Tully has several dates reserved at the facility. "He knows," Wallace said. Howell said he (the person renting the arena) should be notified by letter. Commissioners agreed the specs for re-bid should be presented at the April 8 coun-

ty commission meeting for review. Potter said he thought the county could build it for \$130,000.00. County commission chairman Monroy Montes said the county had been through this with the fairgrounds. He also said the county needs to spend the \$130,000.00 and, "see if we get community support." He added, "We were promised community support." Andrews said he would not charge the county for the re-bid. Wilson asked Andrews how many lots he anticipated and Andrews said he didn't know. Schwettmann said, "We are not getting much for our money." Suggestions were made to cut out rest rooms and concession stand. The low bid of \$246,900.00 was submitted by Peatie. Other bids were in the amount of \$294,000.00, \$321,000.00, \$307,797.00, \$259,495.00, \$340,000, \$381,301.83, and \$272,867.00. Each of the bids had three deductive alternates. The fact that the lowest bid submitted was in the amount of \$246,900.00, which is \$116,900.00 over the architect's estimates was discussed. Commissioner L. Ray Nunley mentioned that Andrews was pretty close on the jail bid and asked, "How did you miss it (the arena bids) so far?" Potter said, "We bid a Cadillac and now we are back to a Chevy. We might just end up with an arena."



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OBITUARY

HERMAN W. WRAY

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Gangs Not Welcome . . .

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criminal later. Gang activities will not go away and Maddox said it needs to be addressed. The Gang Intervention Unit (GIU) has received support from every school, the law enforcement groups in Lincoln County, and support from surrounding areas. The joint GIU will have five officers from Ruidoso and one officer from the LCSW. Ruidoso will be the fiscal agent of the grant. The grant lists six objectives:

- To develop and implement a joint anti-gang task force within the region. This includes providing manpower, equipment, and developing operating procedures for the unit.
- Encourage development of county-wide Community Policing Programs. Included in this is public community meetings in gang violence, to help encourage other agencies to implement better public awareness and relations, obtain and disseminate to authorized agencies gang intelligence, attend New Mexico Gang Task Force meetings, and prevention activities.
- Identify and target gangs and repeat violent offenders. This would involve identification, arrest, prosecution, and incarceration of violent repeat gang offenders and arresting current known gang members with outstanding warrants. The unit also would assist direct, pro-active gang intervention. The unit also would compile and analyze gang trend data.
- Gang interdiction and prevention efforts would be coordinated with local, county, and state agencies, schools, law enforcement and general public. This would include conducting gang sweeps, working with groups on gang interdiction and prevention, obtain and disseminate to authorized agencies gang information.
- Coordinate with courts on criminal gang activity. The unit would assess the nature and effectiveness of gang-related enforcement and prosecution, track hardcore gang

members and share intelligence with other law enforcement agencies; initiate, investigate, and prosecution of cases; and encourage seeking of most serious penalties. -Train and educate law enforcement, community groups, general public, and judiciary concerning gangs. The training would be on the

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THURSDAY, MARCH 27

—Holy Thursday Mass of the Last Supper at 5:30 p.m. Sacred Heart in Capitan and at 7 p.m. Santa Rita Catholic Church in Carrizozo.

—Seder supper and Tenebrae Services at Ancho Community Church at 6 p.m.

—Easter bake sale at Norwest Bank in Carrizozo, starts at 9 a.m. Trinity United Methodist Women.

FRIDAY, MARCH 28

—Good Friday, most governmental offices closed.

—12th Judicial District Court closed from noon to 5 p.m.
—Good Friday Services at Santa Rita Catholic Church in Carrizozo at 1 p.m. followed by the annual walk to Our Lady of Guadalupe Cemetery.

—Good Friday Services at 5:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart in Capitan and at 7:30 p.m. in Corona at St. Theresa.

—Good Friday Tenebrae Service at Nogal Presbyterian Church at 7 p.m.

—Carrizozo Fire Department cheese enchilada supper at Zia Senior Citizens Center, 12 noon to 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

—Al Anon meeting 8 p.m. in Carrizozo, 704 E. Ave., apartment on right. For more information call 648-2472.

SATURDAY, MARCH 29

—Easter egg hunt at 10 a.m. at Carrizozo Country Club sponsored by Lincoln County Sheriff's Posse. Children to age 12 invited to attend.

—Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Mass at 8 p.m. starting with the blessing of the Fire at Santa Rita Catholic Church in Carrizozo. (Note: There will be NO 5 p.m. Capitan Mass or 6:30 p.m. Carrizozo Mass this day.)

SUNDAY, MARCH 30

—Happy Easter!

—Easter Sunrise service at Carrizozo football field at 6 a.m. followed by breakfast at First Baptist Church.

—Santa Rita Catholic Community Easter Mass: 8 a.m. at St. Theresa in Corona, 8 a.m. and 9 a.m. at Sacred Heart in Capitan, 11 a.m. in Carrizozo.

—Easter Worship service at 9 a.m. at Claunch Community Church.

MONDAY, MARCH 31

—Carrizozo Town Council special meeting at 2 p.m. at city hall to take action on proposals for operation and management of Rec Center and closed session for limited personnel matters and contractual negotiations.

—Capitan Chamber of Commerce meets at 12:30 p.m. in chamber building on Second St.

—TOPS meets at Otero County Electric Cooperative building in Carrizozo at 5:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 1

—Lincoln County Democratic Party county convention meeting 6 p.m. Cree Meadows in Ruidoso. For more information call 258-9090 or 336-4742.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2

—Kindergarten registration and pre-school developmental screening 9 a.m. to 12 noon at Carrizozo Elementary School.

—Lincoln County Senior Olympics 8-ball pool 1 p.m. at Capitan Senior Citizens Center.

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Capitan School Board Discusses Textbooks

by Ruth Hammond

The first reading of the proposed Capitan School Board policy on board protocols on roles and lines of communication policy was held during the March 18 school board meeting.

Board member Tom Trost said that the proposed policy may be redundant. He said it is the same as the state. Board members agreed to hold a work session before the April 17 meeting to further discuss the policy. The workshop will be held at 6 p.m. with the regular meeting to start at 7 p.m.

The personnel policies and procedures Section III relating to Americans with Disabilities (ADA) was approved after the second reading as required by the state department of education to be in the board policy. The new section is six pages long and replaces one paragraph relating to non-discrimination in employment.

The policy on alternative credit courses was approved with a section that defines the alternative credit. The school has had state approval for the alternative credit courses but was required to include the definitions in the policy.

Section 14.6 of the school buildings and the New Mexico Clean Indoor Air Act Policy was deleted. Capitan Schools is now a smoke free campus and the section pertaining to areas where smoking is prohibited were no longer needed.

The school calendar for 1997-98 was approved as presented by school superintendent Diana Billingsley. The school calendar has scheduled 180 school days to comply with state requirements. Teacher contracts are for 181 days.

Students will begin school August 14 and go one half day the 14th and 15th. Christmas vacation will begin on December 19 through January 5, 1998. The last day of school will be May 22 with graduation May 23, 1998.

Presentations were made about the textbooks that are being reviewed for possible purchase by the school. The textbooks were displayed in the meeting room and will be displayed for another month to allow time for comments from parents. Textbooks will be adopted at the April board meeting.

The suggested elementary textbooks are using the phonics approach and are literature based. They will have homework for the students to take home to get the parents involved.

School board member James Hobbs said he thought the teachers were the best qualified to make recommendations

No Quorum Causes Carrizozo To Cancel Meeting On Tuesday

The regular Carrizozo Town Council meeting was not held Tuesday evening because there was not a quorum.

Attending the meeting were town trustees Wes Lindsay and Eileen Lovelace. Absent from the meeting were mayor Cecilia Kuhnle and trustees Ruth Armstrong and Willie Silva.

A special town council meeting will be held Monday, March 31 at 2 p.m. to take action on proposals on operation and management of the Rec Center and for a closed session for limited personnel matters and contractual negotiations.

Easter Egg Hunt In Carrizozo On Sat., March 29

All children, toddlers up to 12 years of age, are invited to participate in the Easter Egg Hunt that will be held Saturday, March 29 at 10 a.m. at the Carrizozo Country Club.

The event is sponsored by the Lincoln County Sheriff's Posse.

about the textbooks. Board president Beverly Payne Calaway said she appreciated the books being at the meeting because it was really helpful to the board.

School superintendent Diana Billingsley presented the Quality of Education survey that will be sent to parents. The survey has room for 20 questions with 10 questions being from the state. The state mandates that the school board include five questions and that another five questions be included from the school the child attends.

The last five questions on the survey will be specific to the school the child attends; elementary student surveys will have questions from the elementary school, middle school surveys will have five questions from the middle school and the high school will have five questions from the high school.

School board member Freda McSwane suggested the school color-code the surveys with a different color being used for each of the three schools.

The surveys will be given out the first of May and the results are to be sent to the state June 1.

Calaway presented colored pie-charts that showed Capitan tax distribution inside and outside village limits and the tax distribution breakdown for Capitan Schools.

Wynn King spoke to the board about the football booster club. She asked if anyone knows how other school booster clubs make money and the board discussed the situation.

The April school board meeting will be delayed one week until April 17. A workshop will be held at 6 p.m. with the regular meeting starting at 7 p.m.

Billingsley announced there will be two additional scholarships this year, the Jack O. Pogue Scholarship and the

R.D. and Joan Dale Hubbard ships will follow students for Scholarship. Both scholar- four years.

Invitation
A.B. and Phyllis Zumwalt will celebrate their 50th Anniversary Saturday, April 5 at Nogal Presbyterian Church from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., hosted by their children: Buckley & Carol of Carrizozo; Shermana & Glen Philpott of Siloam Springs, Arkansas; Dunny & Clara of Las Cruces; Rusty & Mackle of Tinnie; Jack & Yvonne of Artesia.
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THOUGHTS

From the Editor's Desk

Are we in the dark ages?

By Ruth Hammond

People like to know what is happening and why. The lunar eclipse Sunday evening is an excellent example of what can happen if people don't know the real reason behind actions. Years ago, and possibly even today in uncivilized countries, people didn't know what a lunar eclipse was. They didn't know that the reason the moon shines is because it is a reflection from the sun shining on it. These people also didn't know what an eclipse is. They didn't know that when the earth gets between the sun and the moon it will cause a dark shadow on the moon.

When there was a lunar eclipse these people thought it was the end of the world and that there was a monster in the sky eating up the moon, possibly on its way to eat the earth too. As time went by and scientists explained that the moon was not being eaten and that lunar eclipses were natural the people could relax and enjoy the sight just as many people did Sunday night.

The difference was being told the facts. Maybe if our county commissioners would tell people the facts about why certain decisions are being made it would help them understand. The main thing that county residents are being kept in the dark about at this time is why our tax dollars are being spent on a facility that has not produced enough income to pay expenses for the past three years and there is no indication the facility will produce enough income to pay expenses for several years.

THE NEWS was told this week that the reason hundreds of thousands of dollars are being spent at the Glencoe Rural Events Center, former Sales Barn, is that it will bring visitors to the area who will pay for products and services and bring gross receipts to the county. This is only a projection and as most of us know, projections can be made about most anything. We could project that Congress will hold a special session here in Lincoln County next month but that projection could be wrong.

If bringing more gross receipts into Lincoln County is the REAL reason the county is spending time and money working on the Sales Barn county residents who have been footing the bills for maintenance, salaries and expenses for the past three years should have been told. County residents have the right to be told why their roads are being neglected while county road crews are moving dirt to build a horse arena. County residents in the Corona area are more concerned that their roads are being allowed to deteriorate than that a "dream scheme" might, just might, bring extra gross receipts into the county treasury.

Two years ago another county facility was not only bringing gross receipts into the county but provided more than 200 jobs for people. That facility would be open today and those 200 workers could have kept their jobs if the county commissioners would have spent the time and effort and our tax dollars to try to keep it open. If the county commissioners had worked as hard to keep Fort Stanton open as a geriatric facility as they have worked trying to build a horse arena at the Sales Barn many people would be happier. As a geriatric facility Fort Stanton would also have had room for a museum and other attractions that would have brought more people to Lincoln County.

If the county commissioners would only explain why they ignored the needs of 200 workers and now are spending tax dollars to bring seven new jobs into the county maybe we could understand. As it is, we are much like the people were in the dark ages when they thought a monster was eating up the moon.

The monster today appears to be a projection of "possibly" bringing more gross receipts to the county. This monster is eating up our tax dollars. This monster is causing more people to wonder if they are being told the facts or if this is another "eclipse" that will cause their world to go dark for a long time.

Lunar eclipse vs county darkness.



J.P. Doodles

Inside The Capitol

By Jay Miller

SANTA FE—It was a session of shell games and disappearing acts, evolution and reincarnation, wacky legislators and computer games, amen corners and a failure to communicate.

While gambling was a background for the entire session, prisons dominated the news. Early in the session Gov. Gary Johnson found an escape tunnel, which was downgraded to a maintenance crawl space and finally closed off. The prison in Hobbs disappeared and reappeared, while smaller sin bins kept popping up around the state. For the last week of the session, it was prison, prison, who's got the prison?

The gambling bill and a measure to allow ads on school buses became proof of life after death. The evolution of the bill to require teaching evolution was evidence of death after life after death.

With a deftness that would impress Houdini, Senate leader Manny Aragon made that body's version of the budget bill go away. After arriving from the House looking so nicely balanced that even Gov. Johnson liked it, the Senate Finance Committee porked up the measure with pet programs for many lawmakers. Johnson complained. Aragon said, "I give up." And before anyone could figure out what happened, \$90 million of Senate boondoggles were replaced by \$50 million from the governor's wish list.

To this day, no one is sure whether Aragon meant the move as a bluff, a joke, theatrics, or if he was serious. But the loyal troops in his amen corner followed their leader and wiped out their own programs in favor of the governor's.

Gov. Johnson had his loyal amen corner too. After angry House members overrode his veto of a prison bill that his staff had sweat bullets to sell to the Legislature, Senate Republicans all stayed hitched, thereby denying the two-thirds vote needed for an override. They waited until the following morning to vent their anger on the governor behind closed doors. Democrats vented their anger later that day by rejecting confirmation of the governor's corrections secretary. That took only a majority vote.

The confirmation vote produced an interesting confrontation between the Senate's Republican and Democrat women. The Republican women felt Democrat

women should have broken party lines to support the corrections secretary because she also was a woman. The answer was that nothing was stronger than partisan politics in the New Mexico Senate this year.

Only one slight crack ever appeared in Senate GOP unity. The governor's desire for a four lane road linking Farmington and Carlsbad made it to the Senate floor with a funding provision that required a gasoline tax increase, the sure sign of an impending veto. GOP senators lined up to vote against it, except for their leader, Sen. Ray Kysar of Farmington, who pulled a disappearing act of his own. Following the vote, Kysar's reappearance was duly noted by back-bencher Billy McKibben of Hobbs, whom Kysar unseated for the leadership post in December.

This was the session that saw three versions of the

"Floating Death Head" computer game. The Death Head was a goofy disembodied caricature of Gov. Johnson. That may have been what inspired state GOP Chairman John Dendahl to describe Sen. Aragon, the game's hero, as "a mouth in search of a brain."

Democrats had their own floating death head. First-term Rep. Rita Getty of Albuquerque decided she didn't like her office, her office mate or her secretary. She relocated to her House floor desk and met with lobbyists and constituents while walking around the outside of the Capitol. A major standoff occurred when fastidious House Speaker Raymond Sanchez attempted to enforce some rules on tidiness. Getty left notes on top of all her paper stacks saying: "Death to anyone who touches my stuff."

And then there was the failure to communicate. But we won't talk about that.

Senator Pete Campos Reports from Santa Fe

SANTA FE—The 1997 sixty day legislative session is over! The work of the legislature was extensive, often heated by debate and at times highly emotional. A typical day consisted of committee meetings beginning at 8:00 a.m., general floor sessions at 10:30 a.m. and committee meetings agains starting right after the floor session and continuing through the afternoon and evening. That's the process!

The major issues were addressed, many amendments were added to bills and committee substitutes replaced initial bills, all to help improve legislation. Now, the Governor has until April 11, 1997 to take official action on legislation passed by both houses. If he does not approve a bill by that time, it is automatically vetoed in what is known as a pocket veto.

A few major issues affecting the district include: the possibility of the state turning over the maintenance of state highways and roads to counties; gaming at designated resort areas (specifically Lincoln County); a 600-bed medium security prison in Guadalupe County at Santa Rosa; education and technology within schools; and, welfare reform and the availability of jobs to put people to work

in rural New Mexico after they are moved off of government support.

Advocates of rural issues who have stood out this session are Senator Arthur Smith of Deming and Senator Joe Carraro of Rio Rancho. Their push for jobs and overall rural economic enhancement has assisted in our drive to give our district communities an opportunity to improve the family life we have chosen to live.

As I have said to so many of our youth, "if you give live your best and never give up, many good things will come your way!" Let's reinvigorate ourselves daily and work to keep district commerce, the health of our citizens and friendships flourishing.

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Trinity Site Will Be Open To The Public Sat., April 5

Trinity Site, where the world's first atomic bomb was exploded in 1945, will be open to the public on Saturday, April 5.

Trinity is located on the northern end of the 3,200-square mile White Sands Missile Range, between the towns of Carrizozo and Socorro. For the April Trinity Site tour there will be two ways of entering the restricted missile range.

Visitors can enter through the range's Stallion Range Center which is five miles south of Highway 380. The turnoff is 12 miles east of San Antonio, NM, and 53 miles west of Carrizozo. The Stallion gate will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Visitors arriving at the gate between those hours will receive handouts and will be allowed to drive unescorted the 17 miles to Trinity Site. The road is paved and marked.

The second way of entering the missile range is by traveling with a caravan sponsored by the Alamogordo Chamber of Commerce. The caravan forms at the Otero County Fairgrounds in Alamogordo and leaves at 8:00 a.m. Visitors entering this way will travel as an escorted group to and from Trinity Site. The drive is 170 miles roundtrip. There are no service station facilities on the missile range. The caravan is scheduled to leave Trinity Site at 12:30 p.m. for the return to Alamogordo.

Cameras are allowed at Trinity Site, but their use is strictly prohibited anywhere else on White Sands Missile Range.

Trinity Site consists of ground zero where the atomic bomb was placed on a 100-foot steel tower and exploded on July 16, 1945, and the McDonald ranch house where the

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bers had time to vote. The lights on the vote board flashed green and red for yes and no, and when the timer showed no seconds left, the count was 35 ayes and 35 nos. A tie vote, which by House rules means the measure failed to pass the House.

"We were changing the future of the state by pushing a button," Williams said Tuesday.

An audible gasp rose from the House gallery and floor as soon as the tie vote showed. For a few moments there was no other sound, even the Speaker was quiet, not slamming the gavel as usual. Finally, Sanchez in a subdued voice, announced the measure failed. In the gallery people left, representatives began to move around, almost in a daze. A few more items were handled, then the floor recessed until the next morning, letting committees go to work on Senate bills that had finally made it to the House.

With the tie vote, the chances for the gaming bill to be recalled were quite good. And as all know by now, it was done. Headlines Thursday afternoon and Friday morning announced the gambling bill dead on the floor. But by Friday night, the newspapers painted a different picture.

"Then the lobbying began," Williams said. Representatives in favor of the gaming, began talking to others who voted against it. The press scurried about getting comments from legislators, and conjecturing whether the bill would resurrect. Only the day before a bill in the Senate had done just that. Sponsored by Sen. Phillip Maloof (D-Albuquerque), the bill proposed to allow districts to sell advertising on school buses to raise additional funds for activities. But the bill was not widely accepted. Williams debated it on the House floor. "School buses should be yellow, yellow, yellow," Williams said as he argued against the ads on a safety issue. The bill was defeated by seven or eight votes on the House.

But very quickly the word got out that the Senate was withholding some House bills because the school bus ads had failed. So the next day, a member who voted in favor of the bill recalled it, and the vote was taken again, this time it passed. With the gaming act, since it was a tie vote, anyone could have brought it back. "The bill was amended a little to satisfy Rep. Debbie Rodella," Williams told the Republican women.

Rodella was the Representative who changed her vote. In an issued release, Rodella, who is from Santa Clara Pueblo near Espanola and who had voted against the gaming act on the first vote, stated she had reversed her vote because she had received information from the pueblo governor that a new casino was to be built. Rodella left the House floor as soon as the vote was taken. Some said she was in tears. She remained hidden for much of the rest of the day. But the decision had been made.

Even before the recall vote on the gambling was taken, Speaker Sanchez admonished the citizens in the gallery, or elected officials on the floor, from making any comments or noise after the vote. But as the 36-34 count was shown on the board, the gallery's mood was evident. Later that day

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tribal leaders were smiling. President Wendell Ohio was happy, expressing his relief. He had spent many hours at the Capitol on behalf of the gaming measure. Of all the Indian casinos only the Mesalero casino was closed. It's affect was known by the tribe and the surrounding communities.

The gambling bill then went to the Senate. There, 12 amendments were proposed, and then the final vote was 27-15. Gambling was finally approved by the legislature, two years after the governor had signed compacts without the elected body's concurrence. It was to be the major action of the 60-day session.

After the recall vote on the gambling bill the rest of the House business was uneventful, routine and almost boring. Saturday morning, representatives began work early, taking action on as many House memorials, and senate bills and joint memorials as possible. Then about 11:20 a.m. Speaker Sanchez announced that Senator Davis had begun a filibuster on the Senate floor. He recessed his representatives and didn't call them back until 11:50 only ten minutes before the scheduled time of final adjournment.

There was an unreal mood in the House that morning. Almost as though the gambling had taken everything out of everyone. Williams said it was the most emotionally draining thing he had ever done.

Then there was the unreality of almost 100 house bills dying on the Senate floor to a filibuster. This reporter had gotten drift of rumbles on early Friday that staffers close to the governor were saying the Senate was going to hold hostage several bills, including the prison financing and all capital outlay projects bills, and let them die.

And the rumbles proved true. Governor Johnson denied he had given any direct orders to Davis to begin the filibuster. He also denied there was any lack of communication between himself and the legislature. "The problem is the legislature and I are different in our philosophies," Johnson told the media Saturday afternoon.

"I am the stop-gap between the Democratically controlled legislature and the citizens wallets," he continued.

Johnson said he was optimistic that he would be able to sign the gaming bill. "But the story is not over," he said. Now the bill must go to the U.S. Secretary of Interior.

There is some concern the 16 percent revenue sharing with the state listed in the bill may not be accepted by the secretary. Williams said Tuesday that the revenue sharing from gaming could bring \$40-\$60 million a year to the state's general fund.

The prison issue was not resolved, even though there were some tense times at the penitentiary in Santa Fe during the session. There was conjecture the incident at the prison was manufactured to get the legislature to act on a prison financing. But the prison financing that did make it to the Senate floor died that final day.

Part of the financing was based on a five cents tax on lottery tickets. But the governor was happy the Democratically sponsored financing died on the floor. He told the media there were already laws enacted to allow construction of the prisons in Hobbs and Santa Rosa. The governor is still holding to the privatization of the prison construction. But Williams told the Republican women there are problems with privatization.

To this reporter the most disturbing thing about Johnson's comments on that final day were his last, which were almost verbatim from his final words about his first legislative session. "Now that the legislature is done, we can get down to the work of state government."

To him, the legislature accomplished what he wanted. Education got its new funding formula, and 47 percent of the general fund, which was closer to the 50 percent Johnson said he wants in five years.

Johnson said the state will save millions with the new medicare reform and welfare reform.

He bragged how the state saved at least \$190 million when all the bills died in the Senate. That's because at least \$80 million would have gone to capital projects. In Lincoln County that included funding for Corona water system, Lincoln water system and the Hondo school heating.

One bill which never made it to the floor was Williams' House Joint Resolution 17 for Fort Stanton. The bill made it to judiciary committee scheduled to be heard on a Saturday. But it was never heard. The bill proposed to lease the fort and property to the County of Lincoln for 50 years, if the state no longer needed the facility. Williams was asked to put a request for \$750,000 to take care of the dump and address the water rights issue. With that large of appropriation, the bill was destined to have a hard time of it in committee. Williams asked the judiciary chairman Tommy Foy of Silver City, to hold the bill on the table while a decision was made on the water rights and a commitment from the state to take care of the dump. But the bill was left on the table and died there with the end of the session.

As we all know in Lincoln County the state is using Fort Stanton. This reporter asked Secretary of General Services Steven Beffort on Saturday what will become of the Fort Stanton issue. He said for this coming year, the women's prison at Fort Stanton will be funded. He said there has been good progress made with the historical groups in the county, because they are now having tours, and the women prisoners are taking care of the facility.

But just Tuesday, state police were investigating an alleged criminal sexual contact between a guard and a woman prisoner at Fort Stanton. And Williams said there are still plans for Children Youth and Families to issue the request for proposals for a youth camp at Camp Sierra Blanca.

Williams told the Republican women that we can make a difference. He spoke about Tammy Payne, who came to the Capitol to lobby for the WICHE program. He also spoke about his Exempt Open Meetings Act which he carried on behalf of Lincoln County Medical Center which is a private operated public owned facility. The bill would have allowed the board of directors for the private operation to keep confidential certain aspects of their business, such as employee salaries. "There were no back door trade outs," Williams said. "My integrity was right out front. I was blown away that someone challenged that it was an underhanded deal for the hospital."

There were other times when Williams felt the sting of

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By MAUREEN SULLIVAN

Greetings from my old house by the side of the road to your house!!!

I am beginning this epistle a day early because the week has only seven days in it and the tasks that I have committed myself to could easily consume twice that amount.

I sincerely hope all your problems will be resolved by this weekend and we can all look forward with great anticipation of another Easter and with that I sincerely hope and pray that everyone will be on good terms with all members of their families and they will really and truly have a Happy Easter. When you get to my advanced age, the Easter Sundays occur about every three or four months, or so it seems with the months going by so fast.

Ran into Patty Otero Kearns yesterday at the post office and she attempted to relate all the wonderful prizes her husband has won so far and possibly will win in the near future and of course, but natch, I could not take it down as she was so excited and talked so fast.

She promised me a story soon about her comings and her goings, but will clue you in, she will be back in her cute little restaurant as soon

as she and her husband return from their whirlwind spin around New Mexico.

Always special to run into Patty. She is one special little lady and I am very, very fond of her. Good luck Patty to you and to your husband.

Ellen Brewer of El Paso, formerly of Capitan, daughter of our Agatha Long, is visiting her mother along with her son Ransom McIntire. Also visiting her mother Agatha is daughter Beth Woolf of Truth or Consequences and she has two beautiful little daughters, Vanessa and Rachel.

They are all on spring break and the sudden snow-storm was a huge surprise to all of them. Also a bit on the sorry side as all of Agatha's hyacinths took a complete downward turn and after she had worked so hard preparing her flowers and all. Sorry Agatha. When you are always behind the eight ball, so to speak, like I am and never get things done on time, guess maybe you are better off not to take all the early wonderful weather for granted. The best laid plans of Mice and Men or something like that can sure upset them in a hurry.

EXTRA, EXTRA, EXTRA, READ ALL ABOUT IT!
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Carrizozo and Bessie Jones of Capitan won the '42 Tournament' at Ruidoso Downs Senior Center last Tuesday. They received a blue ribbon and a free lunch. And so congratulations.

Last Friday at the pool tournament in San Patricio Senior Center Geraldine Tully of San Patricio won the pool honors with our Bessie Jones coming in second. And right behind taking third place was our own Mollie Mason of Capitan. Way to go girls, way to go! We're proud of you.

And now on to the men and their accomplishments. First in the men's division of the pool tournament was taken by his honor the mayor of Ruidoso Downs, Joe Hayhurst. And our Ed Payton coming in with a good second place honor for Capitan Center and Juan Montoya taking third place honors for San Patricio.

Our popular Senior Center here in Capitan had a whee of a party for Saint Patrick's Day along with everything green, from the food, the drinks and the attendees. Sure sorry I had to miss that one.

And another to be regretful about is that Howard and Barbara Stewart and Barbara's mother Fran Lays have left Capitan for the warm and sunny south in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Barbara, especially, will be missed because she has been such a wonderful volunteer at our Senior Center, but we

hope she will not forget to return to Capitan. Her mother Fran also plays a "mean" piano and accompanied some of the seniors here testing their vocal chords on Saint Patrick's Day. Sorry that I missed that. I sat home with my memories. Believe me I had a lot of those to enjoy as I have danced many a night away a kickin' up my heels and celebratin'.

And before I get carried too far down dear old Memory Lane had best bring this epistle to a close. Have gifts to wrap and get in the mail no later than tomorrow. My little ones that I must remember do not realize how busy their great granny is and I do not want to disappoint them ever. Also have something special for my brand new great grandson Grady Tighe Sullivan. And don't you think that is certainly a grand and glorious name to carry through life? And just a bit of a reminder it is also the middle name of his special grandfather Thomas Tighe Sullivan.

Nuff said, methinks. Have a great week and remember to give thanks for all your blessings and we all do have them. God bless each and everyone and a Happy Easter to all.

Sayonara and adios. See you next week.

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There will be an Easter Sunrise service at Cedarvale March 30, east of the old school building. Everyone is invited to the service and to stay for coffee and sweet rolls.

Corona Baptist Church plans three services for Sunday morning: 6:00 a.m. Sunrise service on Wade Hill; 9:00 a.m. Sunday School; 10:00 a.m. Regular church service.

The buzzards arrived on schedule Thursday, March 20.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Burton spent the weekend in Amarillo at the home of a daughter and family. This daughter was celebrating her 40th birthday and was joined by two sisters. Clay Burton missed the party because he is a volunteer helping with the handicapped at Ski Apache.

David Burns, 55, died suddenly in New Zealand where he made his home. Cremation has taken place. David and his sister Betty, are remembered in elementary grades here as they lived with their parents. Mr. and Mrs. Gene Burns in one of what is now the teacherages. Gene Burns was the manager of Corona Omni VOR.

Mrs. Labe Sharpe is spending a month with the Leslie Sharps in Arcadia, OK. She will miss the shearing. Of course shearing may be postponed because of 24 degree temps and six inches of drifting snow... as of Tuesday morning.

Jeanne Tatum and daughters were here for Palm Sunday, and the girls helped their grandmother, Johnny Erramouspe prepare for the Sunday service and dinner.

Bessie Lueras Gage, now manager of Corona Trading Co., since Danny has gone to manage the filling station, called this morning to

announce new and shorter hours for business, effective March 31, 8:30 to 5:00 Monday to Friday, and 8:30 to 1:30 on Saturday. From the voice of experience, we think Bessie is smart to take more time for her family.

Corona del Rey Women's Aglow members are busily preparing for the 2:00 p.m. meeting Saturday, April 12 in the school recreation room. Mrs. Tamara Sawyer, Albuquerque, will speak. She is with Fathers' Heart Ministry.

Janita Rasak and Wanda Duke attended the second annual Cameo Club meeting Saturday at a luncheon at Papa Felipe's. Mrs. Rasak was the organizing first president last year and is now vice president. Mrs. Duke is the outgoing VP.

Gangs Not Welcome

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following: officer safety, gang investigations and prosecutions, data collection and file maintenance, gang awareness, community action initiatives, and legal updates.

County commissioner Wilton Howell asked Sullivan his opinion of the GIU. Sullivan replied that he was 100 percent in support of the program. He said the sheriff's office has already participated with the Ruidoso Gang Intervention Unit and it was very successful.

The commissioners gave their approval for one deputy from the sheriff's department to join the GIU.

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Sheriff's Report

The following information was taken from dispatch records in the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office in the courthouse in Carrizozo:

March 17:
10:27 p.m. female called reference someone giving her a hard time. Sheriff's deputy and Carrizozo police responded.

March 18:
10:59 a.m. Children, Youth and Families requested agency assist for a youth in Hondo. Deputy responded.

11:34 a.m. caller requested an officer for peace keeping in Glencoe area. Deputy responded.

4:16 p.m. a 911 caller requested an ambulance (advanced life support) at the ski

area, patient on back board and traction splint. Ruidoso Advanced Life Support (RALS) responded and transported patient to Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) in Ruidoso.

6:58 p.m. female caller in Tinnie advised needed Spanish speaking officer reference one male subject wants to file complaint on second male subject and possibly get a restraining order, complaint of assault with intent to commit a violent felony. Deputy responded and took a report.

8:24 p.m. caller hit a deer, north bound on Highway 54 at mile marker 174 north of Carrizozo. State police notified.

March 19:
7:39 a.m. a 911 caller requested animal control in Lincoln area, neighbors dog killed sheep and dogs injured livestock. Two deputies responded.

8:40 a.m. a walk-in reported a domestic in the Hondo area. Deputy took a report.

2:52 p.m. a 911 caller in Alto area reported a possible drunk pedestrian tearing up trees. Deputy responded.

5:08 p.m. Capitan police on radio reported fight in progress at the school, possibly a large amount of people. Capitan police and deputy responded. Capitan officer advised one juvenile and one irate mother and he can handle.

7:41 p.m. male subject requested officer to check out suspicious activity in the Alto area, two men standing outside vehicle and one subject that appeared to be laying on the ground in front of the vehicle off to the right side. Deputy responded, made no contact.

10:57 p.m. caller in Carrizozo reported harassment. Carrizozo police responded.

March 20:
8:12 a.m. caller reported a bomb threat letter, reference Capitan Schools. Capitan police and two deputies responded.

11:08 a.m. female caller requested officer for lock-out of her vehicle at a business in Carrizozo. Carrizozo police responded.

12:09 p.m. Carrizozo Clinic requested an ambulance for a kid with head injuries. Carrizozo ambulance responded and transported patient to LCMC.

5:13 p.m. a 911 caller requested a Capitan officer to public service her reference two possible drunk subjects. Capitan police responded.

6:54 p.m. male caller requested to talk to officer reference someone passing through here very fast in Carrizozo. Carrizozo police responded.

8:51 p.m. caller reported livestock (cattle) out on Highway 48, three people walking and don't have lights, may need help or just need this to be checked out.

9:48 p.m. caller reported teenagers partying on Highway 48 in residence no one should be in. Deputies responded. At 10:59 p.m. received second call, four or five more vehicles going to the residence where the deputies were. Other officers notified.

March 21:
7:43 a.m. a breaking and entering was reported at Hondo School.

12:02 p.m. caller reported possible stalking in Loma Grande, male subject keeps calling, leaving notes, and has called residence. Officer assigned.

1:43 p.m. caller reported an alarm going off in Carrizozo. Carrizozo police responded, advised building appears to be secure. Caller notified.

2:03 p.m. caller requested animal control in Capitan reference neighbor's dog. Capitan police responded.

3:54 p.m. caller reported panic or police assist alarm going off in Alto. Deputies responded, all is O.K., building is secure. They re-set alarm.

4:07 p.m. subject requested officer reference VIN inspection and does have all the necessary papers.

5:15 p.m. caller in Carrizozo area requested officer to check out two vehicles running at high rate of speed driving recklessly. Deputies responded.

5:40 p.m. caller requested officer to meet with her in Capitan reference vandalism to business and vehicle. Capitan police responded.

9:14 p.m. deputy reported by radio of an alcohol party in lower Eagle Creek, vehicle evaded stop. Deputy requested help, vehicle traveling at high rate of speed. Officers responded.

March 22:

3:04 a.m. a 911 caller requested an officer in Capitan reference breaking and entering. Capitan officer responded and advised all is O.K. At 5:56 a.m. subject called 911, reported a prowler, saying someone is trying to break in. Capitan police notified. At 6:08 person called with same problem, advised help is on the way. At 6:17 a.m. subject called 911, requested an ambulance in Capitan, sick, arthritis, hard time breathing. Capitan police and Capitan ambulance responded and transported patient to LCMC. Capitan police asked for adult protection service.

6:01 a.m. a 911 caller reported an accident at mile marker 295 on Highway 70, a semi laid over on side, blocking both lanes. State police notified.

7:08 a.m. state police requested an ambulance at mile marker 295 on Highway 70. Hondo ambulance responded and transported patient(s) to Roswell.

9:00 a.m. caller reported being locked out of a vehicle at a business in Carrizozo.

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TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO
 No. CV-97-31 Div. III

SUSAN ABERCROMBIE HARRIS and SALLY ABERCROMBIE TORRES, Plaintiffs,

vs.

GROUP I
 DANIEL DOW and NARCISO DOW, his wife, their heirs, devisees and assigns; ISAAC ELLIS and NANCY ELLIS, his wife, their heirs, devisees and assigns; JOSE MONFANA, his unknown spouse, if any, their heirs, devisees and assigns; SAMUEL CORBET, his unknown spouse, of any, their heirs, devisees and assigns; TERESA PHILAPOOSKI, her unknown spouse, if any, their heirs, devisees and assigns; COUNTY OF LINCOLN; and, OTERO COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

GROUP II
 JOHN DOES, 1 through 12, and all of their lawful heirs, devisees or assigns;

GROUP III
 AND ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS OF INTEREST IN THE PREMISES ADVERSE TO THE PLAINTIFFS, including Heirs, Devisees, Executors or Assigns to any Defendants Herein;

Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO THE FOLLOWING NAMED DEFENDANTS:

DANIEL DOW and NARCISO DOW, his wife, their heirs, devisees and assigns; ISAAC ELLIS and NANCY ELLIS, his wife, their heirs, devisees and assigns; JOSE MONFANA, his unknown spouse, if any, their heirs, devisees and assigns; SAMUEL CORBET, his unknown spouse, if any, their heirs, devisees and assigns; TERESA PHILAPOOSKI, her unknown spouse, if any, their heirs, devisees and assigns; COUNTY OF LINCOLN; and, OTERO COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.; JOHN DOES, 1 through 12, and all of their lawful heirs, devisees or assigns; AND ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS OF INTEREST IN THE PREMISES ADVERSE TO THE PLAINTIFFS, including heirs, devisees, Executors or Assigns to any Defendants Herein.

GREETINGS: You are hereby notified that Plaintiffs have filed an action in the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, Civil Docket No. CV-97-31, wherein you are named as a Defendant and wherein said Plaintiffs seek to obtain constructive service upon you. The general object of said action is to quiet title real property to Plaintiffs. The real estate which may be affected by and which is involved in the above-captioned and numbered cause is described as follows:

TRACT B:
 Being the same tract of land conveyed in a Warranty Deed, filed in Deed Book 65, Page 716, in the County Record of Lincoln County, NM, being Section 28 and 33, T.9S R.16E, N.M.P.M., more particularly described as follows: A tract of land lying within the 3/4 of Section 28, and 1/4 of Section 33, T9S, R16E, N.M.P.M.

TRACT C:
 Being the same tract of land conveyed in a Quitclaim Deed, filed in Deed Book 88, Page 528, in the County Record of Lincoln County, New Mexico being in Section 33, T.9S. R.16E, N.M.P.M. more particularly described as follows: A tract of land located in the NW 1/4 NW 1/4 Section 33, Township 9 South, Range 16 East,

Including that same tract of land conveyed in a Quitclaim Deed filed in Deed Book 1996-3, Pages 1048-1049, in the County Record of Lincoln County, New Mexico being more particularly described as follows: A tract of land lying within the 3/4 of Section 28 and the 1/4 of Section 33, T9S, R16 E., N.M.P.M. more particularly described as follows: An approximate fifteen (15) foot tract of land which lies between Tract B and Tract C described hereinabove.

SUBJECT TO all reservations contained in the Patent and all covenants, easements and restrictions of record.

You are further notified that unless you enter your appearance in said cause on or before the 24th day of April, 1997, judgment will be rendered against you by default, and the relief prayed for in the Complaint will be granted.

The name and post office address of the attorney for the Plaintiff are as follows: Karen L. Parsons, P.O. Box 1000, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, on this 20th day of February, 1997.

ALICE BAÇA BAXTER
 Clerk of the District Court
 By: Jill Herrell
 Deputy

(Seal)

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NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that on February 28, 1997, Rui, Inc. 1096 Mechem Drive % Lincoln Tower, Ruidoso, NM 88345, filed application No. H-579 into H-680 & H-2501-Expl. et al. with the STATE ENGINEER for permit to change location of well and place of use of 25.0 acre-foot per annum of shallow groundwater by ceasing the diversion of said waters from the following shallow wells:

Well No.	Subdivision	Section	Township	Range
H-579-S	NW 1/4 NW 1/4 NE 1/4	30	10S	17E
H-579-S-2	NW 1/4 NE 1/4 NE 1/4	30	10S	17E

and ceasing the irrigation of 7.6923 acres of land located in part of the NE 1/4 of Section 30, Township 10 South, Range 17 East, N.M.P.M. Applicant proposes to commence the use of the following existing shallow wells:

Well No.	Subdivision	Section	Township	Range
H-2501	SE 1/4 NW 1/4 SE 1/4	35	10S	13E
H-2501-S	SW 1/4 NE 1/4 SE 1/4	35	10S	13E
H-2501-S-2	SE 1/4 NE 1/4 SE 1/4	35	10S	13E
H-2501-S-3	SE 1/4 NE 1/4 NW 1/4	35	10S	13E

for the diversion of 25.0 acre-foot per annum of shallow groundwater for the irrigation of up to 7.6923 acres of land described as follows:

Subdivision	Section	Township	Range	Acres
Pt. N 1/4 SE 1/4	35	10S	13E	7.6923
Pt. SW 1/4 NE 1/4	35	10S	13E	
Pt. NE 1/4 SW 1/4	35	10S	13E	
Pt. SE 1/4 NW 1/4	35	10S	13E	

The old well is to be retained for remaining rights.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity objecting that the granting of the application will be detrimental to the objector's water right shall have standing to file objections or protests. Any person, firm or corporation or other entity objecting that the granting of the application will be contrary to the conservation of water within the state or detrimental to the public welfare of the state and showing that the objector will be substantially and specifically affected by the granting of the application shall have standing to file objections or protests. Provided, however, that the State of New Mexico or any of its branches, agencies, departments, boards, instrumentalities or institutions, and all political subdivisions of the state and their agencies, instrumentalities and institutions shall have standing to file objections or protests. The objections or protest shall be in writing and shall set forth specific reasons why the application should not be approved and must be filed, in triplicate, with Thomas C. Turney, State Engineer, 1900 W. Second St., Roswell, New Mexico 88201, not later than ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. If no valid objection or protest is filed, the state engineer will evaluate the application for impairment to existing water rights, public welfare of the state, and conservation of water within the state.

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NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that on December 26, 1996, Ruidoso Downs Racing, Inc., P.O. Box 449, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88346, filed application No. H-381 into H-272 et al (T) with the STATE ENGINEER for permit to temporarily change location of well, place and purpose of use of 30.0 acre-foot per annum of shallow groundwater by ceasing the diversion of said waters from the following described shallow wells:

Well No.	Subdivision	Section	Township	Range
H-381	SW 1/4 SW 1/4 SE 1/4	20	11 S.	14 E.
H-381-S	NW 1/4 NE 1/4 NW 1/4	29	11 S.	14 E.
H-381-S-2	NW 1/4 NE 1/4 NW 1/4	29	11 S.	14 E.

and ceasing the use of said waters for domestic and irrigation purposes at the race track in parts of Sections 20 and 29, Township 11 South, Range 14 East, N.M.P.M. The applicant proposes to commence the diversion of said 80.0 acre-foot per annum of shallow groundwater from the following described shallow wells:

Well No.	Subdivision	Section	Township	Range
H-272	NW 1/4 NE 1/4 SW 1/4	36	11 S.	13 E.
H-272-S	SE 1/4 SW 1/4 NE 1/4	25	11 S.	13 E.
H-272-S-2	SW 1/4 SW 1/4 NE 1/4	2	11 S.	13 E.
H-272-S-3	SW 1/4 NE 1/4 SE 1/4	2	11 S.	13 E.
H-272-S-4	NW 1/4 NE 1/4	11	11 S.	13 E.
H-272-S-5	NE 1/4 NW 1/4 SW 1/4	14	11 S.	13 E.
H-272-S-6	NW 1/4 NE 1/4 NE 1/4	15	11 S.	13 E.
H-272-S-7	SW 1/4 NE 1/4 SE 1/4	10	11 S.	13 E.
H-272-S-8	SE 1/4 NW 1/4 SW 1/4	14	11 S.	13 E.

to be used for municipal purposes in the Village of Ruidoso water distribution system.

This is a temporary application for a period of five years, with all rights to revert to the original points of diversion, place and purpose of use on or before October 31, 2001, subject to an earlier reversion by written request of the applicant.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity objecting that the granting of the application will be detrimental to the objector's water right shall have standing to file objections or protests. Any person, firm or corporation or other entity objecting that the granting of the application will be contrary to the conservation of water within the state or detrimental to the public welfare of the state and showing that the objector will be substantially and specifically affected by the granting of the application shall have standing to file objections or protests. Provided, however, that the State of New Mexico or any of its branches, agencies, departments, boards, instrumentalities or institutions, and all political subdivisions of the state and their agencies, instrumentalities and institutions shall have standing to file objections or protests. The protest or objections shall be in writing and shall set forth specific reasons why the application should not be approved and must be filed, in triplicate, with Thomas C. Turney, State Engineer, 1900 W. Second Street, Roswell, New Mexico 88201, not later than ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Valid objections or protests must be legible, signed and include a complete mailing address. If no valid objection or protest is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application for impairment to existing water rights, public welfare of the state and conservation of water within the state prior to final disposition of the application.

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The Village of Capitan is seeking applications for a full time New Mexico certified police officer. \$1,400.00 to \$1,500.00 month depending on experience. Uniform allowance and benefits. Must reside in Capitan. Complete job description and applications available at the Village of Capitan, P.O. Box 246, Capitan, NM 88316. Phone 505-354-2247. Applications will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. on March 28, 1997. /s/DEBORAH CUMMINS Clerk-Treasurer, CMC Village of Capitan
2tc/Mar. 20 & 27

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3tc/Mar. 20 & 27, Apr. 3

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4tp/Mar. 20 & 27, Apr. 3 & 10

FOR SALE: Twin-size Day Bed w/mattress, plus King-size mattress and box spring, \$200.00 or o.b.o. For info call 648-2780 or leave message. tfh/mc

WEIGHT WATCHERS
10 Week Session for \$79 Per Person Opening Monday March 31, 1997, 6:30 p.m. Christ Community Church Smokey Bear Blvd. Capitan, NM
For More Information 1-800-651-6000
2tc/Mar. 20 & 27

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1tp/Mar. 27

SANITATION WORKER I
Lincoln County Solid Waste is accepting applications for Sanitation Worker I, full-time and part-time Temporary Positions available. Apply in person at Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority, 222 2nd Street in Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico. Position closes, Friday, April 4, 1997 at 5:00 p.m. LCSWA is an Equal Opportunity Employer.
2tc/Mar. 27 & Apr. 3

FUND RAISER
Carrizozo Fire Dept., CHEESE ENCHILADA SUPPER, Friday, March 28 at Zia Senior Center, 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m., and 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. \$4.00 adults, \$3.00 seniors and kids. Proceeds for annual Fireworks Display.
1tc/Mar. 27

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL:

THE SPENCER THEATER for the Performing Arts

The SPENCER THEATER for the Performing Arts is seeking proposals for the cleaning of their temporary offices. The temporary office space at 616 Mechem, Ruidoso, is approximately 1,200 square ft. including 2 restrooms, and 8 office areas. The cleaning is to include windows and blinds. The successful proposal will need to show proof of insurance, bonding, and experience in similar cleaning situations. The cleaning is to be done in the evenings or weekends. The contract will be renewed monthly. Deadline for proposals is 5:00 March 28, 1997. The SPENCER THEATER is an equal opportunity employer and will not discriminate against employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, sex, age, handicap or national origin. Mail proposal to:

Cleaning Proposal
SPENCER THEATER for the Performing Arts
P.O. Box 140
Alto, N.M. 88312

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL:

THE SPENCER THEATER for the Performing Arts

The SPENCER THEATER for the Performing Arts is seeking written proposals for contract security. The objective of the proposal should be to provide on site security during the final phase of the building construction. The successful proposal will be from a bonded, New Mexico licensed firm that has been in the security business for at least 3 years. The contract hours of duty are:

Monday-Saturday 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 A.M.
Sunday..... 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 A.M.

The guard on duty must be equipped with cellular phone, and will not be armed. The beginning date of the services will be determined by mutual agreement between the parties involved. Candidate firms must make arrangements to view the sight prior to submitting their proposal. Arrangements to view the sight can be made by contacting Ed Spurr at the Spencer Theater (505) 336-0010. The SPENCER THEATER is an equal opportunity employer and will not discriminate against employees or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, sex, age, handicap or national origin. The submitted proposals should be based on a monthly term as the successful proposal will be awarded on a month to month term. The deadline for the proposals is 5:00 P.M., Friday, April 4. The proposals should be mailed to:

Security Proposal
SPENCER THEATER for the Performing Arts
P.O. Box 140
Alto, N.M. 88312

LEGALS

LEGAL
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO
No. CV-95-13
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ACTING THROUGH RURAL ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, S/A FARMERS HOME ADMINISTRATION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
Plaintiff,
vs.
McCULLOUGH REFRIGERATION, FOXWORTH-GALBRAITH, INC., AND BUCKNER ELECTRIC,
Defendant(s).

AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will, on April 16, 1997, at 10:00 a.m., at the front entrance of the Lincoln County Court House, Carrizozo, New Mexico, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

Lot 4, Block 13 of Pinecliff, Unit 4, Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown on the Amended Plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk and Ex-officio Recorder of Lincoln County, New Mexico, on August 7, 1967, in Tube No. 284; SUBJECT TO: All outstanding easements, rights-of-way, mineral leases, mineral reservations and mineral restrictions of record

The address of the real property is 121 Reese Drive Box 15, Ruidoso, New Mexico. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on December 9, 1996, in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a note and mortgage held by the above plaintiff and wherein plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$51,454.46, plus interest from October 16, 1996 to the date of sale at the rate of 8.00% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance or keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. Defendants Foxworth-Galbraith, Inc. and Buckner Electric have valid liens against the Property, subject only to the lien of the Plaintiff.

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.
Dated: March 13th, 1997.

NICK VEGA
Special Master
P.O. Box 383
Carrizozo, NM 88301
505/648-2217
Published in the Lincoln County News on March 20 and 27, and April 3 and 10, 1997.

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO
JUAN LOPEZ,

Petitioner,)
vs.)
CYNTHIA LOPEZ,)
Respondent.)
NOTICE OF SUIT
THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO: Cynthia Lopez.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that there is now pending in the 12th Judicial District Court, Lincoln County Court House, Carrizozo, New Mexico, a lawsuit in which Juan Lopez is the Petitioner and you are the Respondent. The general object of the suit is a divorce, including an equitable division of community property and community debts, and attorney's fees to be awarded against you. **YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED** that unless you file a responsive pleading or motion before May 29, 1997, judgment will be rendered in this cause against you by default. The attorney for Petitioner, Patricia S. Ortiz, 201 Mechem St., Ruidoso, New Mexico, 88345, 505-257-3555. Alice Bacon Baxter Court Administrator By: /s/ Joy Lealle Deputy
Published in the Lincoln County News on March 27 and April 3, 10 and 17, 1997.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
IN THE PROBATE COURT STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN PROBATE NO. 1724
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LANE V.

NOTICE
I hereby give notice that on March 18, 1997, Eagle Creek Inter-Community Water Supply Association, Inc., P.O. Box 1076, Alto, New Mexico 88312, filed application No. 0173 & 783 into H-685 et al, with the STATE ENGINEER for permit to change point of diversion from surface to groundwater by ceasing the diversion of 500.0 acre-foot per annum of surface waters of Eagle Creek, which has its point of diversion located in the NW 1/4 SW 1/4 SE 1/4 of Section 31, Township 10 South, Range 13 East, N.M.P.M., and supplemental shallow wells H-1497 located in the SW 1/4 NW 1/4 SE 1/4 of Section 31, Township 10 South, Range 13 East, N.M.P.M., and H-1497-S located in the SW 1/4 NE 1/4 SE 1/4 of Section 31, Township 10 South, Range 13 East, N.M.P.M. Applicant proposes use of the following existing wells:

Well No.	Subdivision	Section	Township	Range
H-685	S 1/4 SW 1/4 NW 1/4	8	9S	14E
H-685-S	Blk. 24, Original			
H-685-S-2	Capitan Townsite	10	9S	14E
H-685-S-3	NE 1/4 SW 1/4 NW 1/4 SE 1/4 SE 1/4 SE 1/4	18	9S	14E
		12	9S	14E

for the diversion of 500.0 acre-foot per annum of groundwater for municipal purposes within the Village of Capitan. Eagle Creek Inter-Community Water Supply Association, Inc. will enter a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Geological Survey to install a surface water gauging station below the confluence of Government Spring with the Rio Bonito to assure a sufficient flow of surface water within the Rio Bonito to provide irrigation water supply to downstream surface water rights diverted from the Rio Bonito. Any person, firm or corporation or other entity objecting that the granting of the application will be detrimental to the objector's water right shall have standing to file objections or protests. Any person, firm or corporation or other entity objecting that the granting of the application will be contrary to the conservation of water within the state or detrimental to the public welfare of the state and showing that the objector will be substantially and specifically affected by the granting of the application shall have standing to file objections or protests. Provided, however, that the State of New Mexico or any of its branches, agencies, departments, boards, instrumentalities or institutions, and all political subdivisions of the state and their agencies, instrumentalities and institutions shall have standing to file objections or protests. The objections or protest shall be in writing and shall set forth specific reasons why the application should not be approved and must be filed, in triplicate, with Thomas C. Turney, State Engineer, 1900 W. Second Street, Roswell, New Mexico 88201, not later than ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. If no valid objection or protest is filed, the state engineer will evaluate the application for impairment to existing water rights, public welfare of the state, and conservation of water within the state.
cc: Santa Fe C/RRR No.: P 067 535 519
Published in the Lincoln County News on March 27 and April 3 and 10, 1997.

NOTICE
NOTICE is hereby given that on December 16, 1996, Ruidoso Downs Racing, Inc., c/o Atkins Engineering Associates, Inc., P.O. Box 3156, Roswell, NM 88202-3156, filed application No. 01315 & H-381-Comb-S et al (T) with the STATE ENGINEER for permit to temporarily supplement existing surface diversion, under State Engineer Office File No. 01315 and the following existing shallow wells:

Well No.	Subdivision	Section	Township	Range
H-381	SW 1/4 SW 1/4 SE 1/4	20	11S	14E
H-381-S	NW 1/4 NE 1/4 NW 1/4	29	11S	14E
H-381-S-2	NW 1/4 NE 1/4 NW 1/4	29	11S	14E

by using the following existing shallow wells:

Well No.	Subdivision	Section	Township	Range
H-53	SW 1/4 SW 1/4	20	11S	14E
H-53-S	SW 1/4 NE 1/4 NW 1/4	29	11S	14E
H-54	NE 1/4 SE 1/4 NE 1/4	30	11S	14E
H-55	SE 1/4 NW 1/4 NW 1/4	29	11S	14E
H-56	NE 1/4 NW 1/4 NW 1/4	30	11S	14E

for the continued diversion of up to 144.032 acre-foot per annum of shallow groundwater, used for domestic and commercial horse operation purposes at the Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Facilities located in Sections 20 and 29, Township 11 South, Range 14 East, N.M.P.M., and for the irrigation of 15.6 acres of land described as part of the E 1/4 NE 1/4 of Section 30, and part of the W 1/4 NW 1/4 of Section 29, Township 11 South, Range 14 East, N.M.P.M. This is a temporary application subject to expiration on Nov. 1, 2004. Any person, firm or corporation or other entity objecting that the granting of the application will be detrimental to the objector's water right shall have standing to file objections or protests. Any person, firm or corporation or other entity objecting that the granting of the application will be contrary to the conservation of water within the state or detrimental to the public welfare of the state and showing that the objector will be substantially and specifically affected by the granting of the application shall have standing to file objections or protests. Provided, however, that the State of New Mexico or any of its branches, agencies, departments, boards, instrumentalities or institutions, and all political subdivisions of the state and their agencies, instrumentalities and institutions shall have standing to file objections or protests. The objections or protest shall be in writing and shall set forth specific reasons why the application should not be approved and must be filed, in triplicate, with Thomas C. Turney, State Engineer, 1900 W. Second St., Roswell, New Mexico 88201, not later than ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. If no valid objection of protest is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application for impairment to existing water rights, public welfare of the state and conservation of water within the state.
cc: Santa Fe C/RRR No.: P 067 535 438
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Sheriff's Report

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Carrizozo police responded, locksmith was contacted.

10:52 a.m. caller requested a wrecker at Highway 380 five-six miles east of Carrizozo for an out of service vehicle. Wrecker notified.

11:03 a.m. caller reported an out of service vehicle on Highway 48 near Ski Run Rd.

Wrecker notified.

12:23 p.m. caller reported an out of service vehicle on Highway 380 west of the Mal Pais. Wrecker notified.

11:30 a.m. officer at sub station in Ruidoso received call reference burglary in Alpine Village. Deputy responded.

Officer requested case number reference alleged child abuse.

1:12 p.m. Hondo fire department reported rock slide on Highway 70 at mile marker 253. State police and state highway notified. Deputy responded.

1:52 p.m. caller requested area to be roped off due to wet concrete around playground equipment. Carrizozo police responded.

2:33 p.m. a 911 caller reported a grass fire east of Hondo. Hondo fire department responded. A second 911 call advised fire is out.

2:33 p.m. caller reported damage to property in Angus, trailer vandalized, juveniles being in it without permission, trailer damaged. Subject to meet with officer at sub office, has not called as of 6:43 p.m., contacted by deputy.

2:57 p.m. caller reported a traffic offense on Gavilan Canyon. Deputy responded.

3:42 p.m. caller reported illegal dumping, a pick-up truck with trailer was dumping large amount of old tires at the old Capitan dump. Capitan police responded.

3:54 p.m. caller reported a breaking and entering in Capitan, someone came into residence from yesterday until this afternoon, lights on, cabinets open. Deputy responded.

Person reported embezzlement, occurred approximately three days ago.

Caller reported an accident without injuries on Highway 70 in Ruidoso, two vehicles on roadway. Ruidoso police notified.

8:13 p.m. a 911 caller requested an ambulance at mile marker 15-16 on Highway 42. Torrance County notified, vehicle roll-over.

10:28 p.m. a 911 caller reported a domestic in

Capitan, beaten up for no reason. Capitan police and sheriff deputy responded, wrecker requested.

11:25 p.m. walk-in reported a traffic offense, a pick-up almost hit them on Highway 54. Carrizozo police advised.

11:28 p.m. caller reported criminal damage to property on Highway 48 at mile marker 9-10, mail box deliberately knocked down with what appeared to be a baseball bat. No other information, Deputy responded.

March 23:

4:41 a.m. vehicle was reported behind the Carrizozo post office. Postal worker advised them they could not sleep there, changed his mind, Carrizozo police will move them to empty parking lot.

12:23 p.m. caller requested dead cat be removed in Carrizozo.

12:34 p.m. caller in Carrizozo requested ambulance for elderly male having chest pains all morning in front and back. First call he just wanted someone to tell whether or not he needs to go get checked at hospital. Carrizozo ambulance responded and transported patient, requested Alamogordo Advanced Life Service (emergency care), met with them at 1:02 p.m.

1:14 p.m. caller in Capitan reported an accident without injuries, requested officer reference minor fender-bender. Capitan police responded.

2:05 p.m. caller requested a welfare check of brother who is en route back from Texas, has been trying to make contact with his wife in Alto since 9 a.m., phone busy, unlike her to keep phone off the hook. She is supposed to be home all day. At 2:22 p.m. deputy advised have made contact with the man's wife, all O.K., phone is out of service.

2:50 p.m. a 911 caller hung up, no answer when attempt to make contact by phone. No

answer at 2:51 p.m. and 2:56 p.m. Attempted again, rang quite a few times then sounded like a FAX machine. Deputy dispatched, all is O.K. no one has called.

7:55 p.m. caller requested officer in Capitan reference lock-out of vehicle. Capitan police responded.

10:07 p.m. caller reported a suspicious vehicle in White Oaks area, State police made no contact with vehicle.

March 24:

8:26 a.m. caller reported burglary/criminal damage to property in Alto, needs report taken reference cabin broken into, deputy responded.

10:46 a.m. caller in Carrizozo requested an ambulance for elderly man fell

down. Carrizozo ambulance responded, patient refused ambulance.

6:18 p.m. caller requested attempt to locate. Deputy assigned.

8:41 p.m. suspicious person reported in Alto, walking north on Highway 48, north side of roadway, very hard to see in darkness. State police notified.

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FOR SALE: Down-draft Evaporative Mobile Home Cooler, 1 1/2 hp, w/water pump. Brand new, never been used. If interested call 648-2333 or evenings 648-3000.

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Roundhouse Rumbles . . .

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the media, such as when his bill to provide funds for the Carrizozo golf course sprinklers made the headlines in some state newspapers.

But overall, Williams still believes in the system. To the average citizen, the work of the state legislature may appear slow with little progress made. But 112 people from all areas of the state, representing many different points of view must work together to come to consensus on proposed laws and projects.

Even our own governor appears to see the legislature as something in the way, to hinder his progress toward a leaner, and what he says more efficient, state government.

This reporter wasn't able to connect with Senator Pete Campos this week for comment. Next week, RoundHouse Rumbles will make its final appearance, concluding with comments from Campos, and a list of bills that died that last day, and a list of bills either signed or vetoed by the governor.

COMBINED MEETING COUNTY CALL NOTICE OF LINCOLN COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING (COMBINED MEETING)

Pursuant to the Rules of the Democratic Party of New Mexico, a Call is hereby issued for the election of Democratic party precinct/ward officers, members of the Lincoln County Central Committee, State Central Committee members and County Party Officers. This Call is published to inform all registered Democrats of Lincoln County about the meetings to be held.

All voting shall be done in accordance with the proportional voting method described in State Rules Appendix A.

A combined precinct/ward meeting and County Central Committee meeting shall be held on Tuesday, April 1, 1997, at 7:00 p.m., at Cree Meadows County Club.

If you have any questions please contact: Chay Rennick, P.O. Box 804, Alto, NM 88312, Home: 505/257-2635, Work: 505/258-9090 or contact the County Vice-Chair: Laura Schryer, P.O. Box 165, Alto, NM 88312, Home: 505/336-4772, no later than 7:00 am/pm on Monday, March 31, 1997.

Trinity Site . . .

(Con't. from P. 4)

world's first plutonium core for the bomb was assembled. The crater resulting from the explosion has been filled in and a small monument now marks the spot. The missile range provides historical photos and a Fat Man bomb casing for display at ground zero.

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